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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following three documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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The fourth document cited in the European Search Report, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 08-216917, was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 25, 2002.

The following document was cited in an Official Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office. A copy of the Official Action is enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application No. 8-188096. A English language translation of the portion of the Official Action discussing this documents attached to the Official Action.

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